

Application No. 09/440,928

Attorney Docket 040301-0578

REMARKS

In further consideration of the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 and supplemental to the Amendment and Reply filed May 27, 2003, applicants request entry of this Supplemental Amendment. Claims 1-11, 15-21, 23, and 25-35 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 16-21, and 25 have been amended, claims 36-45 have been newly added, and claims 1, 4, 11, 15, 26-28, 30, 31, and 33-35 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 2, 3, 5-10, 16-21, 23, 25, 29, 32, and 36-45 are pending in the application and are submitted for reconsideration.

This amendment adds, changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 16, and 25 have been amended to change their dependency and to better conform to the terms in the independent claims on which they depend. Claims 17-21 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added. As briefly discussed with the examiner on July 29, 2003 and August 4, 2003, the pending claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record for the reasons that have been discussed in the prior replies which are incorporated herein.

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In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the application or if an examiner's amendment would facilitate the allowance of one or more of the claims, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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